EXHIBIT "A"

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

SKAT,	Civil Action No
Plaintiff,	Honorable
VS.	June 12, 2018
ACORN CAPITAL CORPORATION EMPLOYEE PROFIT SHARING PLAN, ACORN CAPITAL STRATEGIES LLC EMPLOYEE PENSION PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST, and GREGORY SUMMERS,	COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
Defendants.	

Plaintiff SKAT, which is the Customs and Tax Administration of the Kingdom of Denmark, by its attorneys Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, alleges against Defendants Acorn Capital Corporation Employee Profit Sharing Plan ("Acorn Corp."), Acorn Capital Strategies LLC Employee Pension Profit Sharing Plan & Trust ("Acorn Strategies"), and Gregory Summers ("Summers") as follows:

I. PARTIES

1. Plaintiff SKAT is the Danish national agency charged with assessing and collecting taxes. SKAT is located at Østbanegade 123, 2200 København Ø, Denmark. During the period

material to the events described in this Complaint, SKAT used a mailing address of Skattecenter Høje-Taastrup, Postboks 60, DK-2630 Taastrup, Denmark.

- 2. Defendants Acorn Corp. and Acorn Strategies are pension plans, which, in their requests to SKAT for tax refunds, each listed their address as 6 Noble Lane, Green Brook, New Jersey 08812, USA. On information and belief, each of the members of Defendants Acorn Corp. and Acorn Strategies are citizens of a state of the United States. At all times material to the allegations in this Complaint, Defendants Acorn Corp. and Acorn Strategies purported to be trusts forming part of a pension, profit sharing, or stock bonus plan qualified under section 401(a) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, and residents of the United States of America for purposes of U.S. taxation.
- 3. Defendant Summers is a citizen of the state of New Jersey, and at all times relevant to this Complaint lived at 6 Noble Lane, Green Brook, New Jersey 08812, USA, the same address listed by Defendants Acorn Corp. and Acorn Strategies in their tax refund claims to SKAT. At all times material to the allegations in this Complaint, Defendant Summers served as the Authorized Representative for Defendants Acorn Corp. and Acorn Strategies.

II. NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 4. Plaintiff SKAT is the agency of the government of Denmark charged with the assessment and collection of Danish taxes.
- 5. This case stems from a fraudulent tax refund scheme to deceive SKAT into paying out over 12.7 billion Danish Kroner ("**DKK**"), the equivalent of approximately \$2.1 billion (US), of allegedly withheld dividend tax.
- 6. The essence of the fraudulent scheme is that each of over 300 claimants pretended to own shares in Danish companies listed on the OMX Copenhagen 20 Index, the 20 most-traded

stocks in Denmark. The Danish companies are required to withhold 27% tax on dividends they pay to shareholders. Under certain double taxation treaties between Denmark and other countries, including the United States, this tax is reimbursable to non-Danish shareholders.

- 7. The claimants, acting through their agents and representatives, applied to SKAT claiming repayments of tax withheld on dividends that they purported to have earned on shares of Danish companies. These applications were fraudulent because the claimants did not own the shares that they claimed to own, they did not earn the dividends they claimed to have earned, and they were not entitled to the tax refunds they claimed.
- 8. The claimants effectuated the scheme by appointing agents to apply to SKAT for refunds in respect of shares in Danish companies that they did not own. The agents submitted the fraudulent applications at the direction of, and on behalf of, the claimants, with false documentation representing that the claimants owned substantial shares in Danish companies, had earned substantial dividends for which tax had been withheld, and other documentation representing that the claimants were entitled to a tax refund. The agents obtained over \$2.1 billion in refunds from SKAT, and distributed the proceeds of the scheme to the claimants and other participants in the fraud. During the period of 2012 to 2015, SKAT received fraudulent requests for tax refunds from several agents on behalf of 277 pension plans in the United States, including Defendants Acorn Corp. and Acorn Strategies, as well as entities in the United Kingdom, Canada, Malaysia, and Luxembourg.
- 9. On June 15, 2015, SKAT received information indicating that certain claimants may have submitted fraudulent tax refund claims based on the double taxation treaty between Denmark and Malaysia. Based on this information, SKAT undertook an investigation and subsequently discovered that the claimants had submitted requests for tax refunds by

misrepresenting that they owned shares in Danish companies, that they had earned substantial dividend income on their shares, and that they were entitled to refunds of tax withheld in respect of those dividends. Through its investigation, SKAT discovered that these representations were false: the claimants did not own the shares and they were not entitled to a refund of withholding tax.

- 10. As a result of these false claims, the claimants and their agents received cash payments of what were supposed to be "refunds" of tax to which they were not entitled. During the course of its investigation, SKAT also learned that the scheme involved entities and individuals not just in Malaysia, but also in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, and Luxembourg.
- 11. On or about August 24, 2015, SKAT stopped paying all claims for refunds of dividend withholding tax while it investigated the fraudulent scheme. At the same time, SKAT reported the alleged fraud to the Danish Public Prosecutor for Serious Economic and International Crime ("SØIK"). The fraudulent scheme is currently under investigation by law enforcement authorities in Denmark, the United Kingdom, Germany, and other jurisdictions. At least three individuals have been criminally charged by SØIK.
- 12. The claimants obtained substantial assistance in the fraudulent scheme from several other entities and individuals, including:
 - a. The Authorized Representatives of the claimants, such as Defendant Summers, who, among other things, executed at the direction of, and on behalf of, the claimants documents authorizing the Payment Agents to submit the claimants' tax refund claims and to receive from SKAT payments in respect of those claims;

- b. The non-party Payment Agents, which are companies that submitted fraudulent tax refund claims to SKAT at the direction of, and on behalf of, the claimants; and
- c. The non-party Broker-Custodians, which are financial institutions that provided statements falsely representing that the claimants owned shares in Danish companies and had earned dividends on those shares.
- 13. The Defendants did know or should have known that these arrangements would cause SKAT to make payments to which the Defendants were not entitled.
- 14. SKAT made all the payments to the claimants' Payment Agents, which, on information and belief, distributed the proceeds to other participants in the fraud, including the claimants and the Authorized Representatives.
- 15. As a result of the overall fraudulent scheme, SKAT paid baseless withholding tax refund claims of approximately \$2.1 billion (US).
- 16. As a result of the fraudulent claims by Defendants Acorn Corp. and Summers in this action, SKAT paid baseless withholding tax refund claims and was damaged in the amount of at least \$934,000 (US)¹, plus interest.
- 17. As a result of the fraudulent claims by Defendants Acorn Strategies and Summers in this action, SKAT paid baseless withholding tax refund claims and was damaged in the amount of at least \$4,605,000 (US), plus interest.

III. JURISDICTION & VENUE

18. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(4), this Court has jurisdiction over all claims because the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and

^{1.} The amounts in paragraphs 16 and 17 are the result of a conversion from DKK to U.S. Dollars performed on June 1, 2018, utilizing a conversion rate of 1 U.S. Dollar to 6.3861 DKK.

costs, and is between an agency or instrumentality of a foreign state and citizens of a state or of different states.

19. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this District. In the alternative, venue is proper because at least one of the Defendants is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. The Danish Withholding Tax System

- 20. Withholding tax is a common fiscal device by which taxes are deducted at the source by a payer of income, and are reported to the relevant tax authority. In this case, the relevant tax authority is SKAT.
- 21. Under the Danish Withholding Tax Act section 65, Danish companies are required to withhold 27% of the dividend distributed as to their shares.
- 22. Foreign shareholders may be entitled to a refund if the withheld tax exceeds the amount of tax owed according to a double taxation treaty between Denmark and the shareholder's country of residence.
- 23. A double taxation treaty between Denmark and the United States² allows for refund of tax withheld on dividends paid by Danish companies to U.S. pension plans, which are exempt from taxation.
- 24. SKAT paid claims for refunds of dividend withholding tax made by claimants who represented that they had shareholdings in Danish companies and that they had received dividends on those shareholdings net of the tax. The claimants submitted refund claims seeking the full 27%

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^{2.} Convention and Protocol between the United States and Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, U.S.-Den., art. 10, ¶ 2(c), May 6, 1948, S. Treaty Doc. No. 106-12 (effective date Jan. 1, 2001).

withholding tax that had allegedly been withheld from distributions on shares that the claimants purported to own.

25. It was SKAT's normal practice to accept claims from designated payment agents and to transmit refunds to claimants through their designated payment agents.

B. The Fraudulent Scheme

26. As a result of its investigation, SKAT has now determined that, during the period 2012 through 2015, it received fraudulent dividend withholding tax refund claims as part of a scheme involving (i) a pension plan or other claimant, (ii) an Authorized Representative, (iii) a Payment Agent, and (iv) a Broker-Custodian. The respective roles of each of these participants are described in further detail in paragraphs 33 through 53 below.

1. The Fraudulent Refund Claims Process

- 27. The claimants submitted fraudulent claims to SKAT through Payment Agents, including non-party Acupay System LLC ("Acupay"), each of which submitted claims by mail or by email transmissions.
- 28. The claimants received payments with respect to their refund claims from their designated Payment Agents, to which SKAT transmitted payment by bank transfer.
- 29. Each of the claimants provided the following documentation to SKAT through their designated agents:
 - a. a short cover letter, printed on a Payment Agent's letterhead and addressed to SKAT in Taastrup, Denmark;
 - b. a SKAT "Claim to Relief from Danish Dividend Tax" form (the "ClaimForm"), which set out:
 - i. the identity of the claimant representing that it owned the relevant shares and had received dividends net of withholding tax;

- ii. the amount of the tax refund claim;
- iii. a certification that the claimant was covered by the relevant double taxation treaty between Denmark and the country in which the claimant was resident; and
 - iv. the bank account to which SKAT should pay the claim;
- c. a "credit advice" note purporting to describe the shareholding (or security) and the amount of dividend tax withheld;
- d. a signed Power of Attorney, by which the claimant's Authorized Representative appointed a Payment Agent to act on behalf of the stated claimant; and
- e. in respect of United States-based pension plans, a statement from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), certifying that each pension plan was (I) a trust forming part of a pension, profit sharing, or stock bonus plan qualified under section 401(a) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), (II) exempt from U.S. taxation under section 501(a) of the Code, and (III) resident in the United States for purposes of United States taxation.
- 30. The fraudulent claims alleged shareholdings in some of the largest Danish listed companies belonging to the OMX Copenhagen 20 Index in Denmark.
- 31. It was SKAT's practice to pay claims that included the required supporting documentation.
- 32. SKAT made payments by bank transfer to the Payment Agents for the benefit of the claimants.

2. The Role of the Claimants

33. Out of the over 300 claimants that SKAT has, to date, determined were participants in the fraudulent scheme, 277 were in the United States.

- 34. Each of the claimants, including Defendants Acorn Corp. and Acorn Strategies, made withholding tax refund claims through their Payment Agents, as described in paragraph 29, above.
- 35. As part of the fraudulent claims, each of the Authorized Representatives confirmed to SKAT that they were agents of the claimants and were authorized to act on behalf of the claimants with respect to the dividend withholding tax refund claims. Defendants Acorn Corp. and Acorn Strategies represented that Defendant Summers was their Authorized Representative and agent who had authority to act on their behalf with respect to their tax refund claims.
- 36. As part of their fraudulent claims, each of the claimants designated one of the Payment Agents as its agent to act on behalf of that claimant with respect to the claim. Defendants Acorn Corp. and Acorn Strategies represented that non-party Acupay was their agent and had authority to act on their behalf with respect to their claims.
- 37. Each of the claimants represented to SKAT that they held shares in, and received dividends net of withholding tax from, large Danish listed companies. Defendant Acorn Corp. made three (3) separate withholding tax refund claims and represented that it was entitled to refunds totaling at least \$934,000 (US). One refund claim was submitted to SKAT on August 20, 2012, and two other claims were undated.
- 38. Defendant Acorn Strategies made eight (8) separate withholding tax refund claims and represented that it was entitled to refunds totaling at least \$4,605,000 (US). Two of these refund claims were undated, and the rest were submitted to SKAT on the following dates: August 20, 2012; April 22, 2013; January 6, 2014; January 21, 2014; and April 28, 2014.
- 39. In fact, Defendants Acorn Corp. and Acorn Strategies did not hold the shares they represented to SKAT that they owned, and had no dividend tax withheld.

- 40. Based on the false refund claims listed in paragraph 37, SKAT made payments to Defendant Acorn Corp. on the following dates: September 19, 2012 and January 15, 2013.
- 41. Based on the false refund claims listed in paragraph 38, SKAT made payments to Defendant Acorn Strategies on the following dates: September 19, 2012; January 15, 2013; May 13, 2013; January 28, 2014; February 7, 2014; and May 28, 2014.

3. The Role of the Claimants' Authorized Representatives

- 42. Each Authorized Representative executed at the direction of, and on behalf of, the claimant for which he or she was the Authorized Representative a form entitled "Power of Attorney." By the Power of Attorney, the claimant, acting through its respective Authorized Representative, granted the Payment Agent authority to act on behalf of the claimant.
- 43. Defendant Summers executed at the direction of, and on behalf of, Defendants Acorn Corp. and Acorn Strategies two separate "Power of Attorney" documents, both dated July 30, 2012, that granted to non-party Acupay authority to "pursue and file for reductions in rates of tax withholding in [Acorn Corp. or Acorn Strategies'] name for which [Acorn Corp. or Acorn Strategies are] eligible, to oversee this process, and to collect refunds of excess withholding tax to which [Acorn Corp. or Acorn Strategies are] entitled on [Acorn Corp. or Acorn Strategies'] behalf." On each of the two Power of Attorney documents, Defendant Summers described himself as the "authorized signer" of either Defendant Acorn Corp. or Defendant Acorn Strategies.

4. The Role of the Payment Agents

- 44. The Payment Agents submitted the fraudulent withholding tax refund claims at the direction of the claimants and Authorized Representatives and on behalf of the claimants.
- 45. By means of the Power of Attorney described in paragraphs 42-43 above, each claimant authorized its respective Payment Agent to act on behalf of, and subject to control of, the claimant with respect to submitting the withholding tax refund claims.

- 46. With each claim, the Payment Agents submitted substantially similar cover letters attaching the documentation described in paragraph 29 above.
 - 47. In connection with each Claim Form, the Payment Agent:
 - a. provided its email address as the contact address for the claimant on whose behalf it was acting;
 - b. signed and stamped the form, and stated it was applying on behalf of the claimant;
 - c. enclosed the Power of Attorney executed by the claimant's Authorized Representative; and
 - d. requested that SKAT pay the claim to its bank account.
- 48. As per the directions included in the submission to SKAT, the Payment Agents received payment of the refunds from SKAT on behalf of the claimants. On information and belief, the Payment Agents subsequently distributed the proceeds to the claimants and other participants in the fraud, including the Authorized Representatives, and the Payment Agents themselves.

5. The Role of the Broker-Custodians

- 49. Each entity claiming a withholding tax refund submitted to SKAT a "credit advice," "income advice," "tax voucher" or similar document from a Broker-Custodian that purported to show the claimant's ownership of shares in Danish companies listed on the OMX Copenhagen 20 Index.
- 50. By way of example, with respect to Defendant Acorn Corp., one example of a "credit advice":
 - a. is made out by Solo Capital Partners LLP;
 - b. is dated December 3, 2012;

- c. purports to certify Defendant Acorn Corp.'s ownership of 980,000 shares in CHR Hansen Holding A/S (a genuine company), and whose shares were (and are) publicly traded on the OMX Copenhagen 20 Index in Denmark; and
- d. states an International Securities Identification Number ("**ISIN**") for CHR Hansen Holding A/S shares as "DK0060227585". An ISIN is a twelve character alphanumeric code that uniquely identifies securities for trading and settlement purposes.
- 51. With respect to Defendant Acorn Strategies, one example of a "credit advice":
 - a. is made out by ED & F Man Capital Markets Limited;
 - b. is signed by Christina MacKinnon as Head of Securities Operations
- c. purports to certify Defendant Acorn Strategies' ownership of 1,800,000 shares in Coloplast A/S (a genuine company), and whose shares were (and are) publicly traded on the OMX Copenhagen 20 Index in Denmark; and
 - d. states an ISIN for Coloplast A/S shares as "DK0060448595".
- 52. Defendants Acorn Corp. and Acorn Strategies never owned the shares described above, never received any dividend from Danish companies in which they were purported shareholders, and were not entitled to claim a refund of dividend withholding tax.
- 53. In the course of its investigation, in or around August 2015, SKAT concluded that many of the withholding tax refund claims that had been made in the preceding years, including claims by Defendants Acorn Corp. and Acorn Strategies, were fraudulent and SKAT suspended further payments.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I

(Fraud – Against Defendants Acorn Corp. and Summers)

- 54. SKAT repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 53 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 55. Defendants intentionally, knowingly and/or recklessly made or caused to be made the material, false and fraudulent statements described in paragraphs 29-30, 37, 49-50, and 52 to support claims for withholding tax refund payments.
- 56. Defendants intentionally, knowingly, and/or recklessly made or caused to be made these false and fraudulent statements to induce SKAT to pay the claims.
- 57. In reliance on the false and fraudulent misrepresentations, SKAT paid baseless withholding tax refund claims of at least \$934,000 (US) and thereby suffered damages of that amount, plus interest.
- 58. Defendants' extensive fraudulent conduct demonstrates a high degree of moral turpitude and wanton dishonesty, entitling SKAT to punitive damages.

COUNT II

(Fraud – Against Defendants Acorn Strategies and Summers)

- 59. SKAT repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 58 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 60. Defendants intentionally, knowingly and/or recklessly made or caused to be made the material, false and fraudulent statements described in paragraphs 29-30, 38, 49, and 51-52 to support claims for withholding tax refund payments.
- 61. Defendants intentionally, knowingly, and/or recklessly made or caused to be made these false and fraudulent statements to induce SKAT to pay the claims.

- 62. In reliance on the false and fraudulent misrepresentations, SKAT paid baseless withholding tax refund claims of at least \$4,605,000 (US) and thereby suffered damages of that amount, plus interest.
- 63. Defendants' extensive fraudulent conduct demonstrates a high degree of moral turpitude and wanton dishonesty, entitling SKAT to punitive damages.

COUNT III

(Aiding and Abetting Fraud – Against Defendants Acorn Corp. and Summers)

- 64. SKAT repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 63 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 65. As alleged above, a massive fraud was perpetrated on SKAT by the claimants, the Authorized Representatives, the Payment Agents, and/or other non-parties.
- 66. As alleged in paragraphs 26 through 53 above, the Defendants, with knowledge, participated in the massive fraud on SKAT.
- 67. The Defendants acted with knowledge, willful blindness, and/or recklessness in submitting claims for refunds of dividend withholding tax to SKAT with knowledge that they were not entitled to receive any refunds.
- 68. The Defendants intentionally furthered the fraud and substantially assisted the fraud through their conduct described in paragraphs 26 through 53 above.
- 69. As a direct and natural cause of the Defendants' aiding and abetting of the fraudulent scheme, SKAT has suffered substantial damages.
- 70. Defendants' extensive fraudulent conduct demonstrates a high degree of moral turpitude and wanton dishonesty, entitling SKAT to punitive damages.

COUNT IV

(Aiding and Abetting Fraud – Against Defendants Acorn Strategies and Summers)

- 71. SKAT repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 70 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 72. As alleged above, a massive fraud was perpetrated on SKAT by the claimants, the Authorized Representatives, the Payment Agents, and/or other non-parties.
- 73. As alleged in paragraphs 26 through 53 above, the Defendants, with knowledge, participated in the massive fraud on SKAT.
- 74. The Defendants acted with knowledge, willful blindness, and/or recklessness in submitting claims for refunds of dividend withholding tax to SKAT with knowledge that they were not entitled to receive any refunds.
- 75. The Defendants intentionally furthered the fraud and substantially assisted the fraud through their conduct described in paragraphs 26 through 53 above.
- 76. As a direct and natural cause of the Defendants' aiding and abetting of the fraudulent scheme, SKAT has suffered substantial damages.
- 77. Defendants' extensive fraudulent conduct demonstrates a high degree of moral turpitude and wanton dishonesty, entitling SKAT to punitive damages.

COUNT V

(Unjust Enrichment – Against Defendants Acorn Corp. and Summers)

- 78. SKAT repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 77 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 79. This is a claim by SKAT for recovery of monies by which the Defendants were unjustly enriched.

- 80. By obtaining proceeds from withholding tax refund claims, directly or indirectly, to which they were not entitled, the Defendants were unjustly enriched.
 - 81. SKAT suffered a loss because of the Defendants' unjust enrichment.
- 82. The Defendants are liable to account and pay to SKAT the amount of dividend withholding tax refund payments they received from SKAT to which they were not entitled, plus interest.

COUNT VI

(Unjust Enrichment – Against Defendants Acorn Strategies and Summers)

- 83. SKAT repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 82 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 84. This is a claim by SKAT for recovery of monies by which the Defendants were unjustly enriched.
- 85. By obtaining proceeds from withholding tax refund claims, directly or indirectly, to which they were not entitled, the Defendants were unjustly enriched.
 - 86. SKAT suffered a loss because of the Defendants' unjust enrichment.
- 87. The Defendants are liable to account and pay to SKAT the amount of dividend withholding tax refund payments they received from SKAT to which they were not entitled, plus interest.

COUNT VII

(Money Had & Received – Against Defendants Acorn Corp. and Summers)

- 88. SKAT repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 87 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 89. As a result of their fraudulent scheme, Defendants received proceeds from withholding tax refunds to which they were not entitled.

90. It is against equity and good conscience to permit Defendants to keep these monies, and they should account for and pay to SKAT the amount of withholding tax refund payments they received to which they were not entitled, plus interest.

COUNT VIII

(Money Had & Received – Against Defendants Acorn Strategies and Summers)

- 91. SKAT repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 90 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 92. As a result of their fraudulent scheme, Defendants received proceeds from withholding tax refunds to which they were not entitled.
- 93. It is against equity and good conscience to permit Defendants to keep these monies, and they should account for and pay to SKAT the amount of withholding tax refund payments they received to which they were not entitled, plus interest.

COUNT IX

(Negligent Misrepresentation – Against Defendants Acorn Corp. and Summers)

- 94. SKAT repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 93 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 95. Defendants had a duty, as a result of their submission of claims for withholding tax refund payments, to provide truthful, accurate, and complete information to SKAT in all material respects concerning their applications for such payments.
- 96. Defendants made material misstatements described in paragraphs 29-30, 37, 49-50, and 52 above in connection with every withholding tax refund claim submitted on behalf of Defendant Acorn Corp. to SKAT. Defendants knew, or should have known, that these statements were inaccurate.

- 97. Defendants' material misstatements were intended to induce SKAT to rely upon them, and defendants expected SKAT to rely upon them.
- 98. SKAT reasonably relied on the misstatements while reviewing defendants' claims, and as a direct and proximate result incurred damages of at least \$934,000 (US), plus interest.

COUNT X

(Negligent Misrepresentation – Against Defendants Acorn Strategies and Summers)

- 99. SKAT repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 98 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 100. Defendants had a duty, as a result of their submission of claims for withholding tax refund payments, to provide truthful, accurate, and complete information to SKAT in all material respects concerning their applications for such payments.
- 101. Defendants made material misstatements described in paragraphs 29-30, 38, 49, and 51-52 above in connection with every withholding tax refund claim submitted on behalf of Defendant Acorn Corp. to SKAT. Defendants knew, or should have known, that these statements were inaccurate.
- 102. Defendants' material misstatements were intended to induce SKAT to rely upon them, and defendants expected SKAT to rely upon them.
- 103. SKAT reasonably relied on the misstatements while reviewing defendants' claims, and as a direct and proximate result incurred damages of at least \$4,605,000 (US), plus interest.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff SKAT requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor against Defendants as follows:

- 1. For Counts I, II, III, IV, IX, and X for fraud, aiding and abetting fraud, and negligent misrepresentation, the damages sustained by SKAT as a result of the Defendants' wrongful acts, plus pre-judgment interest, fees, costs and expenses.
- 2. For Counts V, VI, VII, and VIII, for unjust enrichment and money had and received, the damages sustained or the amounts by which the Defendants were unjustly enriched, or by which the Defendants received money to which they were not entitled, plus pre-judgment interest, fees, costs and expenses.
- 3. For Counts I, II, III and IV, punitive damages.
- 4. The costs of this action.
- 5. All other and further relief that is just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff SKAT demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL CIVIL RULE 11.2

The undersigned, Eric K. Blumenfeld, hereby certifies pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

§ 1746 that the matter in controversy is subject to the following actions which are to be filed in this Court today on June 12, 2018:

- SKAT v. The Dink14 LLC 401K Plan and Vincent Natoli;
- SKAT v. Cambridge Way LLC 401K Profit Sharing Plan and Shreepal Shah;
- SKAT v. JML Capital LLC 401K Plan, Roger Lehman, and John LaChance; and
- SKAT v. Natoli Management Pension Plan, Roger Lehman, and Vincent Natoli; and
- SKAT v. Nova Fonta Trading LLC 401K Plan, Roger Lehman, and Vincent Natoli.

And the following, which were filed in this Court on June 2, 2018:

- SKAT v. The Sea Bright Advisors LLC 401K Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-10117-FLW-LHG;
- SKAT v. The Tag Realty Advisors LLC 401K Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-10118-FLW-LHG; and
- SKAT v. The Throckmorton Advisors 401K Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-10119-FLW-LHG.

And the following, which were filed in this Court on June 1, 2018:

- SKAT v. The Balmoral Management LLC 401K Pension Plan and John LaChance, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-10098-FLW-LHG;
- SKAT v. The Beech Tree Partners 401K Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-10108-FLW-LHG;
- <u>SKAT v. The Blackbird 401K Plan and Matthew Tucci</u>, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-10109-FLW-LHG;
- SKAT v. The Chambers Property Management LLC 401K Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-10110-FLW-LHG;
- SKAT v. Fiftyeightsixty LLC Solo 401K Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-10111-FLW-LHG;

- SKAT v. The Hawk Group Pension Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-10112-FLW-LHG;
- SKAT v. The Hibiscus Partners LLC 401K Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-10113-FLW-LHG;
- SKAT v. The Maple Advisors LLC 401K Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-10114-FLW-LHG;
- SKAT v. OneZeroFive LLC Solo 401K Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-10115-FLW-LHG; and
- SKAT v. The Robin Daniel Pension Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-10116-FLW-LHG.

And the following, which were filed in this Court on May 18, 2018:

- SKAT v. The Everything Clean LLC 401K Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-09439-FLW-LHG;
- SKAT v. The Jump Group LLC 401K Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-09442-FLW-LHG;
- <u>SKAT v. The Oaks Group Pension Plan and Matthew Tucci</u>, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-09444-FLW-LHG; and
- SKAT v. The Wave Maven LLC 401K Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-09445-FLW-LHG.

And the following, which were filed in this Court on May 4, 2018:

- SKAT v. American Investment Group of N.Y., L.P. Pension Plan and Stacey Kaminer, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 2:18-cv-08876-JLL-SCM;
- SKAT v. The Cardinal Consulting Pension Plan and Matthew Tucci, D.N.J. Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-08878-FLW-LHG;
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I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: June 12, 2018

/s/_Eric K. Blumenfeld
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(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) (c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)			County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED. Attorneys (If Known)		
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